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SUBJ: NAMIBIA - BOTHA BACK IN WINDHOEK

1. SOUTH AFRICAN FONMIN PIK BOTHA ARRIVED IN WINDHOEK MARCH 3 ON HIS SECOND VISIT IN TWO WEEKS. ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE VISIT HAS BEEN ISSUED, BOTHA REPORTEDLY TOLD NEWSMEN IN WINDHOEK THAT HE WANTED TO CONSULT WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL ABOUT VARIOUS ISSUES, INCLUDING SAM NUJOMA'S COMMENTS TO SABC CONCERNING SWAPO'S POSITION ON MAJORITY RULE. A SPOKESMAN AT THE A-G'S OFFICE CONCEDED PRIVATELY THAT BOTHA MAY ALSO MEET WITH "ONE OR TWO" POLITICAL LEADERS. BOTHA IS SCHEDULED TO BRIEF THE PRESS AT 1215 TOMORROW, MARCH 4, AT WINDHOEK AIRPORT, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA.

2. A WINDHOEK EDITOR TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT HE HAS INFO THAT BOTHA IS ON A "PEACE MISSION"

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TO TRY AND BRING THE NATIONAL PARTY AND DIRK MUDGE'S BREAKAWAY REPUBLICAN PARTY BACK TOGETHER. ACCORDING TO THE EDITOR, THIS TASK WAS INITIALLY ENTRUSTED TO THE AG'S NEW "SPECIAL ASSISTANT", ADV. J. STEENKAMP, WHO WAS UNSECCESFUL. BOTHA'S VISIT, SAID THE EDITOR, MUST BE SEEN IN THE LIGHT OF HIS REMARK BEFORE DEPARTING WINDHOEK ON FEB 23 THAT WHITE PARTIES SHOULD STOP

THEIR FEUDING. ANOTHER WINDHOEK JOURNALIST ALSO TOLD
US THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF BOTHA'S VISIT WAS PROBABLY
TO TRY AND STOP THE BICKERING BETWEEN THE TWO WHITE
PARTIES.
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